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Front Cover: DPW Environmental Management Office chief Bernhard Weber talks with local contractors who de-dud explosives in the training area. (Photo by Paul Boehm, city of Schmidmuele)

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James V. Matheson, Lt. Col.,
Commander, U.S. Army
Garrison Hohenfels

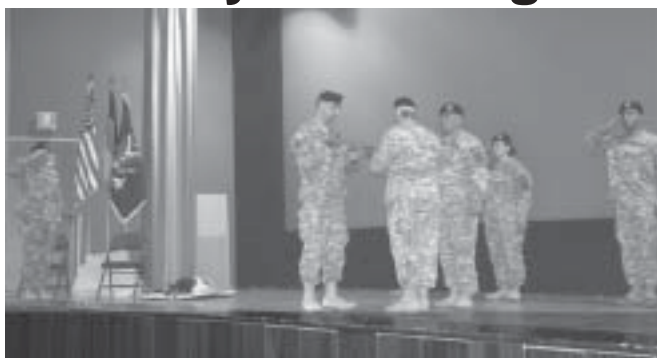
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Veterinary Clinic reorganizes



Maj. Boris Brglez (center) during the casing of the detachment's colors with Col. Michael Buley (left), Commander, 100th Medical Detachment (VS)(HQ).

On August 25, the 21st Medical Detachment (Veterinary Services) (Small) inactivated. As a part of the rebasing and restructuring in Europe, the

remain unchanged.

The 21st Medical Detachment was constituted on February 19, 1944, in the U.S. Army and has undergone much reorganization

detachment changes from a deployable to a non-deployment unit and will activate under a new name at a later date.

Maj. Boris Brglez took over the command of the detachment this summer. He has a staff of eight Soldiers and two civilians.

Though the detachment will change its name, existing facilities remain open and services will

since that date. The unit was relocated to Hohenfels in November 2001. On March 11, 2003, the unit deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom and subsequently Operation Iraqi Freedom until July 2003. The detachment's military veterinary responsibilities include performing all aspects of food safety, zoonotic disease control and animal medicine in southeastern Germany.

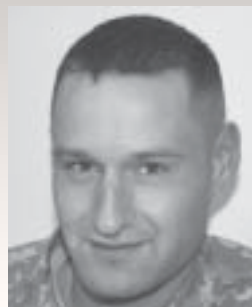
ICE LEAGUE - JULY				
	Service Providers	Total Wins	Total Losses	% Win
1	Property Book Office	15	0	1.000
2	Public Affairs	5	0	1.000
3	In and Out Processing	264	2	0.992
4	Community Mail Room (CMR)	106	2	0.981
5	Transportation Motor Pool (TMP)	46	1	0.979
6	Distro Center (Official Mail)	37	1	0.974
7	Chapel	477	18	0.964
8	Drivers Testing	105	4	0.963
9	Sunrise Lodge	158	9	0.946
10	ACS	204	14	0.936
11	SLO	14	1	0.933
12	Vehicle Registration	22	2	0.917
13	Turnbull Library	53	5	0.914
14	Housing	117	12	0.907
15	Installation Technology Office (ITO)	9	1	0.900
16	Gyms (Post & Fitness)	32	4	0.889
17	DPW Buildings & Grounds	7	1	0.875
18	Olympia Fitness Center & Post Gym	88	13	0.871
19	The Zone (Club)	25	4	0.862
20	CYS	108	18	0.857
21	Community Activity Center	22	4	0.846
22	Surfnet Café	5	1	0.833
23	Dining Facility (USAG Hohenfels)	51	11	0.823
24	Education Center	20	5	0.800
25	Safety Office (ISO)	4	1	0.800
26	POV Inspection	4	1	0.800
27	Environmental Office	4	1	0.800
28	Auto Craft Shop	31	8	0.795
29	Personnel Action Center	10	3	0.769
30	Outdoor Recreation	7	3	0.700
31	CDC	11	5	0.688
32	Arts and Craft Shop	22	14	0.611
33	Self Help	3	2	0.600
34	SATO	3	2	0.600
35	DES	3	2	0.600
36	Bowling Center	3	2	0.600
37	MWR Administrative Service	5	4	0.556
38	USAG-H HQ	6	7	0.462
39	38th PSB	5	6	0.455
40	Commissary	6	8	0.429
41	Vet Clinic	2	4	0.333
42	Dental Clinic	3	8	0.273
43	AAFES	23	76	0.232
44	Dining Facility (1-4 Infantry)	3	10	0.231
45	Health Clinic	5	17	0.227



This month's Box Bulletin spotlights Spec. Dustin Thom, Bravo Co., 1-4 INF BN

Thom came to Hohenfels in September 2005 from basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., and holds a bachelor's degree in Crime and Justice Studies from the University of Idaho. He is assigned as a Squad Automatic Weapon Gunner in Bravo Co., 1-4 INF. During his year here, he has role-played as a COB or Civilian on the Battlefield, an

insurgent and a police officer during rotations. He hopes to deploy one day to Operation Enduring Freedom. During his free time, he enjoys reading and working out to maximize his PT test. While he is stationed in Europe, he would like to travel to Switzerland, Italy and Greece.



Autumn in Hohenfels

As I wrote my article for the September issue of the *Box Bulletin*, I began to think about the community battle rhythm and how things seem to slow down in Hohenfels over the summer and then come roaring to life once fall arrives. Just walking around post, you can feel the energy in the air and sense that everyone has a heightened level of awareness and drive. So I asked myself why. My first thought is that we live in a country with no air conditioning and it is often just too hot in the summer to have much energy. However, this summer, with the coldest August temperatures in 60 years in Bavaria failed to bring heightened energy, so there must be something more going on. Then I began to think of all the wonderful things about living in Hohenfels in the fall and I realized why everyone feels so renewed each September. So here they are, the **Top 10 Reasons to Love Living in Hohenfels this Fall:**

10. The First Day of School. This year, parents turned out in record numbers to support our elementary school children as they stepped off the bus to begin another exciting year of learning.

9. A/1MI begins flying again. Very soon, our A/1MI troops will begin flying their UAVs again. It is always good to see our Soldiers return home to Hohenfels after a deployment, and the beginning of flight operations will signal that our UAV company is back home and training.

8. Alt Weiber Sommer (Old lady Summer). Bavaria blesses us every year with 6 to 8 weeks of wonderful fall weather that the locals call Alt Weiber Sommer. No matter how cold and rainy it gets during the real summer, you can always count on 70 degree days and plenty of sunshine in September and October.

7. JROTC. Our great JROTC Battalion is back from its summer break, and soon you will see them proudly carrying our national colors at ceremonies and events around post. It is great to see young men and women who display pride in our country and respect for our community.

6. Perhaps the end of the IMA hiring freeze? One can only hope that the new fiscal year will bring an end to the hiring

freeze or pretty soon, I and CSM Battle will have to take plumbing, electrician, and snow plow driving lessons.

5. Hispanic Heritage Month. Highlights this year include 2006 Grammy Award Nominee Elida Reyna performing at The Zone on September 12 and the September 30 Hispanic food tasting, performances and dance at The Zone on September 30.

4. Thanksgiving. From us middle aged guys playing our only game of football for the year to the Officers and Senior NCOs serving dinner in blues with really big white chef hats, you have to love Thanksgiving in Hohenfels. My favorite part of the event is the dessert competition which last year featured cake models of The Mayflower and the World Trade Center. I can't wait to see what the cooks come up with this year.

3. Veterans Day Parade. Everyone loves a parade and one of the best in Hohenfels is our Veterans Day Parade. All of the school students, the JROTC Battalion, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, VFW, AUSA and virtually all of our private organizations turn out to march in this annual event. What a wonderful way to honor our nation's veterans.

2. High School Football. The Tiger Field will be buzzing at 1 p.m. on September 16 as **your Hohenfels Tigers** take the field to begin the defense of their 2005 European Championship. Last year, I began the season by playing Pucini. This year I will take it to the next level...Wagner.

And finally, the #1 reason to love living in Hohenfels this fall: The Europameisterschaft der Bärte (European Facial Hair Championships) in Amberg. It's tough to find a really good facial hair championship these days, but right here in our own backyard at the Amberger Congress Centrum on September 23 and 24, the European Facial Hair Champions will be crowned. The majority of the competition will be held between 1-6 p.m. on September 23, so be sure not to miss this event.

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*Lt. Col. James V. Matheson
Garrison Commander*



IMA Europe chief visits Hohenfels

On July 28 IMA-Europe Director Russell B. Hall paid a visit to Hohenfels to check out all the installation has to offer. "I'm here to check up on the performance of my commanding officer and staff to see that they are providing for the quality of life necessary for our families," said Hall.

During his day in Hohenfels, Hall visited a wide range of installation facilities, from Building 10, where incoming Soldiers

Lenny Ingram (left) gives IMA Europe Director Russell Hall a tour of the post gym.

in-process, to the schools and child care facilities. In the middle of the day Hall took a break for lunch at the bowling alley's new beer garden and took some time to praise all he had seen.

"I'm very impressed with the command team and the garrison leadership," Hall stated. "This is a phenomenal place. You can't get better. It is a terrific place to raise a family."

Hall pointed to Hohenfels' Soldiers' extremely high reenlistment rate, one of the highest in the entire Army, as evidence that the installation is a great place to live. "Hohenfels is one of the best kept secrets in the Army. There is not a thing this community lacks within reason."

— Alice Adler, *Bavarian News*

JMRC looks to integrate sister services

Accreditation will enhance center's capabilities

by Gerry Arbios

The Joint Multinational Readiness Center's transformation has been more than just a name change. Along with the other two Army "dirt" Combat Training Centers at Fort Irwin, Calif., and Fort Polk, La., the JMRC continues to be one of the marquee Army tactical training programs for Brigade Combat Teams and Battalion Task Forces. The JMRC leaders constantly strive to provide the best possible training to Soldiers, leaders, and units. This now includes not only Army forces, but also the U.S. Navy and Marines, the U.S. Air Force, as well as multinational units from across western and eastern Europe. Joint force training is an important part of the DoD's training transformation plan, and JMRC will be one of the major training centers of expertise in the EUCOM theater.

Over the past few months, the JMRC Operations Group has been undergoing a process of self-assessment of current and required capabilities to improve its capability to conduct joint training in accordance with joint doctrine. This assessment is part of the U.S. Joint Forces Command's Joint National Training Capability (JNTC) program. The result of this process at JMRC will be the accreditation and certification of selected joint tasks and the over-all enhancement of its training capabilities.

With the assistance of the Joint War Fighting Center (JWFC), the JMRC completed its JNTC accreditation process on August 10. During the JWFC on-site visit at Hohenfels, the team analyzed joint training capabilities at the JMRC in light of eight specific joint tasks. The team used the eight tasks as the baseline for analysis, then assessed what the JMRC can provide now – and where there were gaps and seams that required additional capabilities to fully meet the joint tasks. The outcome was a conditional accreditation and certification of the JMRC with the



Operations Group staff Maj. Mills Packard (center left) and Capt. Ed Larumbe (center right) with visiting JNTC staff during the August 10 briefing by review team.

identification of 46 shortfalls and enhancements required to fully meet the joint task requirements. As a lead planner for the Operations Group team, Steve Hébert stated, "This Accreditation clearly gives us a certificate we can hang on the wall that will facilitate our ability to provide doctrinal joint training to U.S. joint forces." Conditional accreditation translates to the JMRC program being "capable of providing the training audience an adequate, realistic joint training environment, but will require assistance to improve to consistently meet the criteria for all elements of joint context." The accreditation helps pave the way for more capabilities and resources at JMRC.

When the process started back in May, 20 tasks were looked at originally and out of the 20, eight were nominated for the JWFC team's review. One area where the training could be enhanced dealt with the configuration and change management

process. The team concluded that the process could be enhanced by more formal documentation, and JNTC hopes to soon have the system in place that will assist this process. That is what Lt. Col. Jack Bone, Operations Group coordinator for the accreditation process, says is one of the advantages of the self-assessment and accreditation process – help in resourcing a joint program with new systems or personnel.

With the accreditation feather in its cap, JMRC is moving forward to make the center the place of choice for joint training for the Navy, Marines and Air Force in EUCOM – and beyond. One of the key enhanced training capabilities JMRC provides joint forces is training across the full spectrum of conflict through the use of Live-Virtual-Constructive capabilities. These capabilities allow units to simultaneously conduct training in the same scenario using live training exercises, integrating participants in virtual trainers, and constructive computer simulations.

With the ever changing needs of DoD, learning to train and operate jointly strengthens the effectiveness of the military. Col. Tom Vandal, Commander, Operations Group JMRC, sees the conditional accreditation as a definite springboard for more joint training at JMRC, and says, "We see this as a beginning of a lot more joint training ... and part of the process is developing our hardware and systems to meet joint training requirements."



OpsGrp JNTC Accreditation Tiger Team member Maj. Eric Timmerman (center) responds to questions from the JNTC review team during their site visit.

Memories in the "Box"

by Gerry Arbios

Each year, groups of former "box" residents visit the Hohenfels Training Area to return to places that they knew as a child or a young adult. Fred Heilman arranged the traditional pilgrimage August 14 from Schmidmühlen to the Habsberg Chapel just as he has been doing for more than 14 years.

Heilman came to Hohenfels as a Plans and Operations Officer for the installation in 1992. He performed extra duties along the way: force protection, CFE and Public Affairs where he worked in community relations and became involved in the pilgrimages.

The tours have been ongoing since the 1980s. In the mid-1990s, many requests came from families who came here displaced from the Sudetenland and Silesia which were absorbed into the Czech Republic and Poland after WWII. They had lived here en route to their eventual homes elsewhere in Germany.

He remembers one special time in 1997 when a 300 year anniversary was held at the Kreuzberg Chapel near the town of Schmidmühlen. Heilman says, "They had a three-day fest with tents and much festivity. It was well organized by the church and a good event which improved our relations."

Many of the former residents were from families that had lived in the training area for generations, and they left their villages when the area was made into a training area by the German Army in 1938. Many returned to their villages after World War II, but again had to leave when the U.S. Army took over the training area in 1951.

The groups visit the former towns/villages of Lutzmannstein, Pielenhofen, Schmidheim, Griffenwang, Kittensee, Schauerstein, and Grün.

Many of the tours are held along with a short church service and procession. Children and grandchildren often accompany their parents and other relations in their journey back in time.

Some of the returning families have come from their new homes in other countries. For Heilman, the tours have been one of the best parts of his job. He

adds, an interesting facet of the history of Hohenfels are the cemeteries that still exist, and the families of loved ones who come to see the them.

Heilman says, "One of the things with the former residents is their tenacity in their attachment to the place where they grew up. The memories soften, and they sometimes

seem better than they really were."



Fred Heilman, Plans and Operations officer, DPTMS.

Summer Hires afire



By Caio Araujo-Roper

The Summer Hire Program started this year with 109 teens participating. The students chose from three different

areas of work: labor, clerical, and youth development. The person overseeing the Summer Hire Program was Michele Wolff. Jobs ranged from working at the USAG Hohenfels headquarters as the commander's secretary, to picking up trash, to teaching youth sport camps, and even doing artwork.

Summer Hire is a great way for teens to earn extra money in the summer, and learn life skills. They earn about \$5.15 an hour which adds up to \$1,200 in six weeks.

Every Thursday the summer hires attended a two-hour training session that taught things such as financial strategy, safety, and how to do well in an interview. One reason this is such a great program is that teens can see what professions are for them and which aren't.

As for myself, I spent six whole weeks in the Public Affairs Office at the USAG Hohenfels Headquarters. Before I started, I had no idea what I was getting into, not that it wasn't a good experience, but it was one of the most challenging jobs I've ever had. Although many might see it as eating up their summer break, it really does beat just sitting around at home. And getting paid is a major plus.

On August 16, a summer hire awards ceremony was conducted at the CAC. Lt. Col. James Matheson gave a speech about the success of the Summer Hire Program and also said that we may not be able to have the same number of summer hires next year. He gave 16 awards to the top-performing youths in their jobs.



Lt. Col. James Matheson (center left) and CSM Don Battle (center) pose with the Summer Hires who received recognition for top performance. From left, Yari Middleton/HES, Caio Araujo Roper/PAO, Lois Ann Delass/Library, Emily Mittag/Library, Matt Apodaca/SLO, Michael Tillburg/CYS Sports, Valencia Jones/MWR-CAC, Ryan Matheson/CYS Sports, Stephanie Riera/ Dental Clinic, Charlotte Hatch/Library, Katelyn Cullum/USAGH HQ, Angela Reinick/USAGH HQ, and Tiffanie Taylor/Raytheon. Other Summer Hires recognized: Eric Vandal/CYS Sports, Ceasare Colantuono/MRW, Chris Redmond/SLO. (Photo by Christina Wilson)

New staff at our schools

Both of the post's schools welcomed new staff this school year. In addition to those pictured at right, the HES welcomed Jeanette Fry, Sure Start teacher, and at a later date, the HHS will also be welcoming Mark Fitzgerald, Robotics, CAD/ARC drawing, Applied Technology and Edwin McDaniel, Video Comm, Multi-Media, Web Design.

Lastly, David Carlisle was promoted to Principal of the Bitburg High School. Candice Wojciechowsky will be Acting Assistant Principal until someone is hired for this position.

From left, new high school staff includes Suella Clark, World Region/History, Psychology; Daniel Mendoza, Principal; and Leslie Jensen, Art Lab, Video art, Funding of Art.



From left, new elementary school staff includes Mark Woehler, Art Teacher; Lois Langholz, Librarian; Robert Gamble, Speech Pathologist; Marie Granger, Assistant Principal; and Olaf Zwicker, Principal.



Traffic alert

During the Pope's visit September 11-13, traffic in and around Regensburg will be problematic as 300,000 visitors are expected. Traffic will be detoured, re-routed, and Autobahn (A3) will be closed completely around Regensburg from midnight until 6 p.m. on September 12. Regensburg (and many Bavarian) schools are closed. Employees of factories (like Siemens or Infineon) have to spend the night in their factories. City buses will not drive their normal schedule. Even the day before and after the visit, large traffic problems are expected. For more information:

www.regensburg.de

Anyone in need of medical care is strongly advised to avoid the Regensburg hospitals during this time. Seriously ill patients should be taken to Neumarkt Klinikum, Amberg Klinikum and Nuernberg Klinikum. Burglengenfeld and Parsberg (internal medicine only) are also available. Pregnant ladies should go to Burglengenfeld, Neumarkt or Amberg. If possible, cancel any booked appointments for this time frame with your Regensburg providers. If you have any questions please contact the TRICARE staff at the Hohenfels Health Clinic at 466-4528.

October is National Disabilities Awareness Month

In keeping with this theme, the Exceptional Family Program is sponsoring a special showing of the award winning film, **Emmanuel's Gift**, on Tuesday, October 3, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Post Theater.

The film tells the story of Emmanuel Oforu Yeboah, who was born in Ghana, West Africa with a malformed right leg. In Ghana, babies born with disabilities are routinely poisoned or left to die alone; those who survive face a lifetime of begging on the streets.

Emmanuel, however, had a different plan for his life. He shined shoes for \$2 a day and refused to accept his country's superstitious shunning of the disabled. On a bicycle supplied by the California-based Challenged Athletes Foundation, Emmanuel rode almost 380 miles across Ghana and discovered his mission: to improve the lives of the roughly two million disabled Ghanaians.

The documentary is narrated by Oprah Winfrey. The entire community is invited to attend this special evening of inspiration and courage. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact the Exceptional Family Program Manager @ DSN 466-2083 or Civ 09472-83-2083.



School Bus Safety

As in the years past, one of our most important challenges remains school bus safety. Parents are the key to ensuring children act responsibly and safely while riding the school bus. You can also help by ensuring that your child carries his/her bus pass when riding the school bus.

Your child's safety is important to us. That's why we ask you to take five minutes to sit down with your child and go over the five rules for school bus safety.

Walk don't run to the bus stop

Wait three steps back from the curb for the bus to arrive

Take your seat and stay in it—do not distract the bus driver

Wait three steps back for the school bus to leave

Never, ever go in front of or behind the school bus

Remember—in Europe, traffic does not stop for loading or unloading school buses. Crossing the street can be dangerous.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe! For any questions, please call DSN: 466-2782/4314 or CIV: 09472-83-2782/4314.

—The Hohenfels School Bus Office



KONTAKT Hohenfels

What is the Konkakt Club?

Kontakt Hohenfels is a German-American (and other International members) friendship club with fun events, recreation, education, community service and networking opportunities. It's a cultural exchange club for meeting new people and learning about another culture and language, based upon respect and tolerance without regard to differences in race, politics, religion, or ideology. Kontakt is for people of all ages who care about working to develop international cultural relations. The Club needs individual members who are willing to work and contribute ideas, skills, time, and talents while growing with the opportunities.

September

6 Bowling on base at 7 p.m.

15 Line dance, Keltenwall Room in Hohenfels School, 6 p.m.



20 Stammtisch in Hohenfels at Zur Taverne at 7 p.m.

22 Line Dance, Keltenwall Room in Hohenfels School, 6 p.m.

****Movie night will be determined by movie schedule.**

If you have questions about any of the events or club membership, please contact the Public Affairs Liaison at DSN 466-4294 or Civilian at 09472-83-4294.



KONTAKT Club-BOSS bowling night in August. (Photo by Christina Wilson)

ASACS counseling

ASACS stands for **Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Service**. Your provider in the Hohenfels Community is Philip Schuler, located in the Middle/High School. Services are confidential and provided free of charge to all youths from the 6th grade through 12th who hold a dependent ID card. Schuler provides consultation, education and prevention, counseling and family work.

Last school year was the initial offering of Life Skills for 7th graders. This program focused on developing improved decision-making skills in most areas of life; helping to better prepare this group for life's on-going demands. The new school year will bring new group experiences for youths to foster their growing demands. Schuler's hours are flexible. Feel free to contact him at the school. He is there to help your youth succeed.

Length of Service Awards — Correction

The July/August Box Bulletin ran an article on the Length of Service Awards. The list of recipients was incomplete. The following employees also received an award on July 14.

MEISTER, Ernst	Criminal Investigator	CID	20
SCHMID, Josef	Supply Technician	DPW, Housing	20
HLAWATSCH, Paul	General Engineer	DPW, Utilities	20
ROTHBAUER, Franz	Supply Technician	DPW, BO & I	20
KUMMERT, Josef	Mason Leader	DPW, B & G	20
CLEMMER, Helga	Transportation Assistant	BMCT	20
LEIN, John K.	Supervisory General Supply Specialist	DOL	20
COHEN, Robert K.	Military Maneuver Analyst	JMRC, TACSS	20
DOBLER, Michael L.	Fuel Distribution System Supervisor	7ATC, DOL	20
DUDAS, David P.	COB Operations Specialist	JMRC, COB	20
HARRIS, Clyde	Supply Clerk	MWR	20
WEIGERT, Christian	Electronics Technician	JMRC, Maint	15
KOLLER, Josef	Firefighter	DES, Fire	15
MUELLER, Norman	Assistant Fire Support Controller	8530 th CSG	15
ALTKOEFER, Michael	Firemarker Control Operator	8530 th CSG	15
MOESTL, Uwe	Air Traffic Assistant	JMRC, Airfield	15
LANDER, Juergen	Automotive Mechanic	JMRC, Maint	15
KOLLER, Johann	Laborer	DPW, Utilities	15
BRALLER, Harald	Training Instructor (Driving)	DOL, TMP	15
KLEINDIENST, Barbara	Custodial Worker	Health Clinic	15
BARTHEL, Reiner	Lead Firemarker Operator	8530 th CSG	15
GARRETT, Eva Y.	Mobilization & Deployment Specialist	MWR, ACS	15
KRUSE IV, Charles B.	Supervisory General Engineer	DPW, ED	15
TRAWICK, Daniel C.	Cook Leader	1-4 Inf Din Fac	15
RIERA, Alfredo J.	Supervisory General Engineer	DPW	15
PRENSKY, Michael	Motor Vehicle Operator (Firemarker)	8530 th CSG	10
WAGNER, Hella	Contact Representative	Health Clinic	10
KNIGHT, Eva	Scheduling Assistant	DPW, BO & I	10
WILFLING, Eduard	Motor Vehicle Operator	DOL, TMP	10
STILLMAN, Beatrix	Real Property Assistant	DPW, ED	10

Youth Sports coming up

By David Rape, Acting Youth Sports Director

This year we have a wonderful selection of sports for the children of the Hohenfels community. In YS sports, the emphasis is on learning and participation. We do not offer tryouts, but instead offer sports on a first-come first-served basis. The sports we offer this season are soccer for ages 3-15, cheerleading for ages 8-14, and tackle football for 7-14 year olds.

Soccer is a great way to get your kids into sharing and getting used to playing

teams. It also builds skills in quick thinking, communicating with others, and foot-eye coordination.

Another great opportunity with soccer is coaching. When you sign up to be a coach, you not only help your children learn the sport better, you can also learn more about your children. And you can help the community children have a better place to go than sitting in front of the computer or television all day.

Cheerleading is also a great way to involve your children in the community. Here they can learn how to play games as they watch and cheer, and they also learn how to overcome their shyness. We already have spots

filling fast and we have three coaches! So far we have registered 26 cheerleaders.

Tackle football gives your children the chance to play a full contact sport which is critical to the development of young men. It also gives them a chance to receive your full support and love while you watch and take part in their learning, and oh yes, the sore muscles. In this sport we offer three teams: Mighty Mites (7-9yrs), Pee Wee (9-12yrs), and Midgets (11-14yrs). We still need players for the two younger teams.



Vacation Bible School is a hit



Pre-schools play a parachute game.

Vacation Bible School took off August 21 with more than 175 youngsters from pre-school to 6th grade joining in



VBS youngsters square off with a variety of stickers.



Above, VBS participants plan their next event in front of Chapel Center.

the many activities under the Fiesta theme. Kathy Elmore serves as Religious Education Coordinator for the chapel and pulled this year's event together with the help of more than 80 volunteers and nine summer hires. Activities ranged from crafts to games to Bible stories to a drive-in movie... and of course, snacks.

Elmore says the VBS was a great success this year because so many great volunteers came out to share their love of God with the children.

Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales

The Hohenfels Library summer reading program ended August 18 after eight weeks of zebras, horses,



Summer readers at Library's summer party August 18. (Photo by Caio Araujo-Roper)

camels and other animals. Beginning readers (ages 3-5) met at 10 a.m., intermediate readers (ages 6-8) met at noon, and advanced readers (age 9+) met at 2 p.m.

All participants joined in the summer reading party where reading awards were given out by the garrison commander.



Summer readers try out jumping castle August 18. (Photo by Caio Araujo-Roper)